

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2296 – SB 2277

March 15, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013715): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to develop and assist in implementation of voluntary “yellow dot” motor vehicle medical information program to assist drivers, with the emphasis on senior drivers, passengers, persons with distinctive license plates or placards for disabled drivers, and emergency medical responders in reporting critical medical information in the event of a motor vehicle accident or other medical emergency involving a participant’s vehicle. Authorizes the Department to accept donations and grants from any source to cover the expenses of the development and implementation of the program. Authorizes the Department to cooperate with various agencies, especially those assisting persons who are 55 years of age or older, to take reasonable measures to publicize the program. Authorizes the Department to provide for, assist in, or authorize the creation and printing of a medical information form and assemble a “yellow dot” folder containing the medical form and a “yellow dot” decal with an adhesive backing. Authorizes dissemination of the medical form and other “yellow dot” materials through the Internet. Prohibits the Department from charging a participation fee.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$33,300/FY12-13/Highway Fund
\$16,300/FY13-14/Highway Fund
\$9,900/FY14-15 and Subsequent Years/Highway Fund

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Revenue – \$24,800/FY12-13/Highway Fund
\$11,900/FY13-14/Highway Fund
\$6,900/FY14-15 and Subsequent Years/ Highway Fund

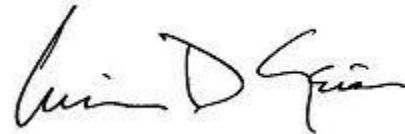
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Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The Department will develop and accept “yellow dot” program applications, coordinate the program with local law enforcement agencies and other emergency responders, provide education, training and reasonable measures to publicize the program.
- Development, management and operation of the program can be accomplished within existing resources of the Department without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Safety, Office of Research, Statistics, and Analysis, there were 1,521,099 licensed drivers in Tennessee, age 55 or older, in 2010.
- It is estimated that 25,000 senior drivers will participate in FY12-13, an additional 15,000 will participate in FY13-14, and an additional 10,000 will participate in FY14-15 and subsequent years.
- It is estimated that 50 percent of medical information forms and other “yellow dot” materials will be disseminated through the internet.
- Based on information provided by the Alabama Traffic Safety Office regarding the “yellow dot” program implemented in that state, it is estimated that the Department’s expenditures will increase by \$24,849 in FY12-13 for promotional and material costs (\$9,849), education and training (\$10,000), and miscellaneous expenses (\$5,000).
- State expenditures in FY13-14 will increase by \$11,860 for promotional and material costs (\$4,860), education and training (\$5,000), and miscellaneous expenses (\$2,000), and by \$6,891 in FY14-15 and subsequent years for promotional and material costs (\$3,391), education and training (\$2,500), and miscellaneous expenses (\$1,000).
- According to the Department, the “yellow dot” program qualifies for a federal grant from National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and is authorized to accept donations from any other sources, such as insurance companies, to cover the expenses incurred in the development and implementation of the program.
- The Department estimates that any grants and donations received will be equal to or greater than the cost of the program.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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